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Russ Tolman of True West has always been a big Television fan, but when he and the band were told at their Danceteria show in New York that former leader Tom Verlaine might show up to see them, they were skeptical: why would Verlaine be interested in them, after all? As it turns out, Verlaine has been a fan of *theirs* since the release of the first True West single. Not only did he show up at the gig, he offered to produce their next record! True West, of course, is not passing the opportunity up, and will be recording under Verlaine's guidance at Todd Rundgren's studio in Bearsville, New York towards the end of this year.

One of our SF spies reports that the Sisters of Mercy lead singer Andrew was also enthralled by True West, who opened for them at their recent I Beam show; he was glued to the stage during their entire set. Also spotted at the show was Tolman's former bandmate, Dream Syndicate's Steve Wynn.